Governor Carney Announces Government Efficiency & Accountability Review (GEAR) Public Meetings

WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor Carney on Friday announced the State of Delaware will host <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Review (GEAR) public meetings</u> in each county as part of an ongoing review of state regulations. Governor Carney and members of his cabinet will host the meetings, and accept public comment on ways to improve state government and the delivery of state services.

The Delaware Departments of Labor; Health and Social Services; Education; Natural Resources and Environmental Control; and Transportation will be among the agencies participating. State of Delaware constituent relations staff also will be available to assist Delawareans with questions or concerns.

"Since taking office, I have talked to Delawareans about our commitment to operating our state government as efficiently and effectively as possible — so we can focus on investing taxpayer dollars where they are needed most," said Governor Carney. "These GEAR public meetings are another chance for us to hear directly from Delawareans on how we can improve our state government — and strengthen our work around education, public health, workforce training, and social service delivery. Members of our GEAR team have done important work to identify statewide improvements, and we are going on the road to hear directly from Delawareans about their priorities."

Governor Carney <u>established GEAR</u> by Executive Order in February 2017 to identify ways for state government to operate

more efficiently, and improve the delivery of state services for Delaware families.

A review of state regulations is required every four years by the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The following executive branch agencies of the State of Delaware are accepting public comments:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Department of Finance
- Department of Health and Social Services
- Department of Human Resources
- Department of Labor
- Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families
- Department of State
- Department of Transportation
- Office of Management and Budget

Members of the public who would like to provide comments regarding state rules and regulations can submit comments online, by email, or by mail:

•Online at:

https://gear.delaware.gov/public-comment/

- Email to: reg_review@delaware.gov
- Mail comments to:

GEAR - Attn: James Myran
Carvel State Office Building
820 North French Street, 8th Floor,

Office 813

Wilmington, Delaware 19801

<u>Kent County - GEAR Town Hall</u>

WHAT: Governor John Carney and state agencies will host a GEAR Town Hall to accept public comment on which state regulations should be modified or eliminated.

WHO: Governor John Carney

Secretary Rick Geisenberger, Delaware

Department of Finance

James Myran, Executive Director, Government Efficiency & Accountability Review (GEAR)

Members of Governor Carney's Cabinet

State Senator Trey Paradee

State Representative Bill Bush

State Representative Lyndon Yearick

Representatives from State of Delaware

Agencies

WHEN: Thursday, March 19, 2020

6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Wilmington University, Dover Campus

Building A Auditorium

3282 N DuPont Highway

Dover, DE 19901

<u>Sussex County - GEAR Town Hall</u>

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James Myran, Executive Director, Government Efficiency & Accountability Review (GEAR)

Members of Governor Carney's Cabinet

State Senator Brian Pettyjohn

State Senator David Wilson

State Senator Gerald Hocker

State Representative Ruth Briggs King

State Representative Daniel Short

State Representative Ronald Gray

State Representative Tim Dukes

State Representative Stephen Smyk

Representatives from State of Delaware

Agencies

WHEN: Tuesday, March 24, 2020

6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Delaware Technical & Community College

Owens Campus — Arts and Science Center

Theater

21179 College Drive

Georgetown, DE 19947

New Castle County - GEAR Town Hall

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Department of Finance

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Members of Governor Carney's Cabinet

State Senator Darius Brown

State Representative Kendra Johnson

Representatives from State of Delaware

Agencies

WHEN: Monday, March 30, 2020

6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Route 9 Library & Innovation Center

Black Box Theater and Multipurpose

Room A

3022 New Castle Avenue New Caste, DE 19720

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